

## Message Text

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ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 AID-05 EB-08 COME-00 TRSE-00 FMC-01  
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R 071400Z SEP 78  
FM AMCONSUL ALEXANDRIA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1998  
INFO AMEMBASSY CAIRO

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EWWT, EG  
SUBJECT: ALEXANDRIA PORT CONDITIONS

REF: STATE 225019

1. CONGEN CAN CONFIRM THAT MINISTER ABU TALEB'S STATEMENT CONCERNING GREATLY IMPROVED PORT CONDITIONS IN ALEXANDRIA IS SUBSTANTIALLY CORRECT.

2. PORT HAS BEEN ON 24-HOUR PER DAY SCHEDULE FOR ABOUT A MONTH NOW AND CHANGE IN PORT CONDITIONS HAS BEEN REMARKABLE. PORT HAS BEEN CLEARED OF CLUTTER IN MANY PLACES AND CARGOES ARE BEING OFF-LOADED EXPEDITIOUSLY AND CLEARED FROM THE AREA. OUR CONTACTS HAVE CONFIRMED THAT DEMURRAGE CHARGES ARE NO LONGER BEING PAID BECAUSE SHIPS ARE BEING OFFLOADED WITHIN TIME ALLOWED IN CHARTERS. THEY ALSO STATE THAT CONFERENCE LINES HAVE DROPPED SURCHARGES.

3. IN ADDITION TO 24-HOUR SHIFTS, CREDIT ALSO GOES TO NEW CHAIRMAN OF ALEXANDRIA PORT AUTHORITY, GALAL FAHMY, WHO APPEARS TO BE BRINGING NEW ENERGY AND DEDICATION TO HIS WORK.

4. PRESENT CONDITIONS HOPEFULLY WILL CONTINUE IN FUTURE, BUT REAL  
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TEST WILL BE LATER IN YEAR AS EGYPTIAN SEASONAL PRODUCTS COME INTO THE PORT FOR EXPORT. IN ANY EVENT, HOWEVER, ENCOURAGING IMPROVEMENT IN PORT CONDITIONS HAS BEEN MADE. MCCLELLAND

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## Message Attributes

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